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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-7 (cancel)

Claim 8 (currently amended): An expandable tubular fabric comprising:

a plurality of longitudinally extending thermoplastic filaments which are drawn and heat set to have first elongation capabilities and are arranged along an ellipsoid path in juxtaposed positions forming an elongated tube;

at least one elastic thermoplastic filament having second elongation capabilities greater than said first elongation capabilities which are helically wrapped about and bonded to said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments forming helical wraps, said helically disposed elastic thermoplastic filament bonding with said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments maintaining each said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filament in fixed position relative to the adjacent said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments wherein;

said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments maintain their relative positions in said tubular fabric during use.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The fabric according to claim 8 wherein said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments are of a first size

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and said elastic thermoplastic filaments are of a second size, said second size being at least twice the size of said first size.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The fabric according to claim 8 wherein each of said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments are substantially engaged with the adjacent said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments along its length.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The fabric according to claim 8 wherein said helical wraps formed by said elastic thermoplastic filament are longitudinally spaced along the length of said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The fabric of claim 8 wherein said helically wrapped elastic thermoplastic filament has a profiled cross-section.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The fabric of claim 8 wherein said helically wrapped elastic filament has a circular cross-section.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The fabric of claim 8 wherein said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments have a circular cross-section.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The fabric of claim 8 wherein said longitudinally extending drawn and heat set thermoplastic filaments have a profiled cross section.

Claim 16-19 (cancel)